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Governor Announces Proposed 2011-2012 Budget for State, CDCR

The Governor's Fiscal Year 2011-12 budget proposes 61,927 positions and a \$9.1 billion General Fund for California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) state operations and local-assistance programs.

California has a very serious budget gap, and the state faces difficult budget decisions affecting virtually all of state government, including CDCR.

The Governor's budget proposes instituting policy-based reforms to prison and parole operations that will provide savings to address the budget crisis.

These decisions allow the state to seek to realign government services to make public safety decisions in local communities, which are in the best position to identify their specific needs. CDCR is committed to working with our law enforcement and other partners to be smart about spending while best preserving public safety.

CDCR's budget has four main



Governor Brown briefs the media in the State Capitol.

components that will be phased in over time and assist the state in its chronic budget deficit:

- Eliminate DJJ over a three-year period, sunset date of June 2014, and ensure youthful offenders receive appropriate treatment at the local level – savings to the state of \$78 million by June 2012 -- \$250 million eventually. This funding will be provided to counties to

address the cost of housing these offenders;

- Realign Adult Parole to counties (sheriff or probation) over a three-year period until June 2014;
- Have all offenders convicted of non-serious, non-violent and non-sexual offenses serve their time locally. Money would be sent to local governments to increase jail capacity and bolster rehabilitation programs. Savings to the state of \$486 million by June 2012 -- \$1.4 billion eventually with this effort and adult parole realignment, and
- \$150 million cut to programs. This is an unallocated, one-time-only cut to adult and parole programs.

For more information on the proposed CDCR budget, please visit the internet at <http://www.ebudget.ca.gov/pdf/BudgetSummary/CorrectionsandRehabilitation.pdf>

Or the intranet at

http://intranet/ADM/DSS/fs/budget-mgmt/Pages/1112_StateBudget.aspx

Governor Brown Orders Massive Cell Phone Cutback – CDCR Performing Internal Audit

In his first executive order since taking office, Governor Jerry Brown directed state agency and department heads to collect and turn in 48,000 government-paid cell phones – half of those now in use – by June 1.

CDCR is performing an extensive audit of cell phone use to determine how it will comply with this executive order.

CDCR has more than 10,000 cell phones in use statewide.

Brown said the state now pays for 96,000 cell phones -- 40 percent of all state employees. He estimated that the state will save at least \$20 million a year by cutting cell phone usage in half.

"It is difficult for me to believe that 40 percent of all state employees must be equipped with taxpayer-funded cell

phones," the Governor said. "Some state employees, including department and agency executives who are required to be in touch 24 hours a day and seven days a week, may need cell phones, but the current number of phones out there is astounding."

Brown said his goal is to cut the number of phones in half by June 1, and said he believes the state can continue to reduce cell phone usage throughout the year. He explained that some cell phones may be under term contracts with cell carriers, and he wants to make sure that the state does not incur early termination penalties that exceed the monthly savings.

"Because of contract obligations, it is possible that we may not be able to eliminate all 48,000 cell phones by June 1,

but it is also conceivable that we can do it earlier – and that is my hope," Brown said.

"Even with a 50 percent reduction, one-fifth of all state employees will still have cell phones," he said. "That still seems like too much, and I want every department and agency to examine and justify all cell phone usage."

"In the face of a multi-billion dollar budget deficit, a cell phone may not seem like a big expense. But spending \$20 million, and perhaps far more than that, on cell phones can't be justified."

Brown said he expects to find additional savings throughout state government as his new appointees examine all areas of spending.